

HOUSE BILL NO. 705

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE BOARD OF LIVESTOCK AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK MAY NOT ACTIVELY PROMOTE A STATE OR A FEDERAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION PREMISES REGISTRATION SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. National animal identification -- premises registration phase.** (1) The board of livestock and the department may not actively promote a state or a federal animal identification premises registration system.

(2) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "actively promote" means:

(i) to hold meetings at which the primary purpose of the meeting, as described in any public notice, is to discuss an animal identification premises registration system;

(ii) distribute printed material or publications regarding an animal identification premises registration system unless the information is requested by a premises owner; or

(iii) advertise the availability or the requirements of an animal identification premises registration program through other media outlets; and

(b) "premises" means a location for food animal production that is operated by an entity participating in food animal production and that is distinct from other livestock production units.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 81, chapter 1, and the provisions of Title 81, chapter 1, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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